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Inter/Intra School Transfers (Change of Course) Programme ongoing until Friday 5th September, 2025



Application for work study is now open until Wednesday 10th September, 2025.



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The Vice-Chancellor's Session: A Defining Moment in the 2025 Orientation programme

A key highlight of the week was the Vice-Chancellor's Session, where students took the oath of matriculation before address from the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Joyce Agalo. The Vice chancellor extended a warm welcome to the students, celebrating their outstanding academic achievement and their decision of accepting and joining Machakos University.

Prof. Agalo inspired the new students to live by the University's code of conduct, embrace integrity, and pursue excellence from their first year. She highlighted opportunities such as the Innovation Fund, the Chancellor's Scholarship, and the University's strong culture of alumni excellence. She further challenged students to guard their academic integrity, make sound decisions, and protect their destinies.



The Vice – Chancellor, Prof Joyce J. Agalo addressing first year students in her Matriculation speech.

“Machakos is our first name, Excellence is our second name—and we must live by that. I see future leaders, innovators, entrepreneurs, and scholars in you. This is the best place to be. Welcome to Excellence, welcome to your home away from home.”

To crown the day, students enjoyed the Vice-Chancellor's Welcome Meal, followed by motivational talks from invited speakers. The celebrations continued with a Welcome Party hosted by PPP TV, giving students an opportunity to relax, connect, and celebrate their new beginning.

Orientation Sunday: A Spirit-Filled Non-Denominational Service at Machakos University

The Orientation Week concluded with a Non-Denominational Service, bringing together the University community in thanksgiving, praise, and worship.

The service featured powerful praise and worship led by Sharon Ishavuka, a renowned Kenyan gospel recording artist, alongside presentations from the Christian Union (CU), Seventh Day Adventist (SDA) Fellowship, and Catholic Action.



The Vice- Chancellor, Prof. Joyce J. Agalo (Centre), Dean of students (Left), Registrar (AP) (2nd Right) staff and students attending the Non- Denominational Service at Machakos University's Amphitheatre

The sermon was delivered by Rev. Dr. Humphrey Omondi on the theme “My Identity, My Self-Worth,” encouraging students to ground themselves in faith, integrity, and discipline as they embark on their academic journey.

The service was a moment of reflection, fellowship, and spiritual nourishment, reminding students that Machakos University is not only a place of academic excellence but also a home that embraces diversity, wellness, and holistic growth.

Transforming Education Through CBET

Machakos University held a four-day Competency-Based Education and Training (CBET) workshop at the University's Luban Workshop starting from Tuesday 2nd September, 2025 for TVET Trainers drawn from across the University and 43 Vocational & Technical Centers in Machakos County.

The training was facilitated by Ms. Irene Ndebe & Mr Aluoch John Rays of CDACC (TVET CDACC) & the objective of the training was to Embrace CBET for impactful knowledge transfer as well as aligning trainers to CBET



The Vice – Chancellor, Prof Joyce J. Agalo addressing staff during the CDACC Training.



Director TVET, Mr Nicholas Muunda addressing the Technical staff during the CDACC Training



CDACC Facilitator's Mr Aluoch John Rays (Left) & Ms Irene Ndebe in the ongoing CBET Training

Driving into the Future: Vice – Chancellor Flags off New University Bus

Machakos University has expanded its transport fleet with the acquisition of a brand-new 33-seater mini bus, registration KDR 877P, officially unveiled on Tuesday, 2nd September 2025.

The bus was flagged off by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Joyce Agalo, in the company of members of the University Management Board, staff, and student representatives.



The New University Bus

This new addition underscores the University's commitment to providing efficient, safe, and reliable transport services to its fast-growing community. It will support academic, co-curricular, and administrative activities, ensuring smooth mobility for students and staff alike.



The Vc, Prof. Joyce Agalo with Members of University Management Staff & Students receiving the new University Bus

Featured Researcher

Dr. Stella M. Mwawaza is an early career scholar in Tourism Management, currently serving as a lecturer in the Department of Tourism and Hospitality. She holds a PhD. in Tourism Management and brings to academia a wealth of practical experience gained during her years of service at the Kenya Wildlife Service.



Dr. Stela M. Mwawaza

This background enriches her teaching and research with practical insights into conservation, destination dynamics, and sustainable tourism practices.

Dr. Mwawaza has participated in joint research projects, like the Impacts of COVID-19 on Community Conservation and Nature-Based Tourism Enterprises in the Amboseli Ecosystem, which looked into resilience strategies in conservation-linked tourism, and Use of Blockchain in Tracking and Tracing Supply Chain of Fruit Products, a study on digital transparency in Agri-Tourism.

Her research interests focus on sustainable and inclusive tourism development, with particular interest in climate-conscious tourism, community-based tourism, destination management, and domestic tourism.

Beyond her academic work, Dr. Mwawaza has a strong commitment to youth empowerment and mentoring. She mentors prospective tourism and hospitality professionals through Sustainable Travel & Tourism Africa (STTA)-Inter University Young Change Makers Program. Additionally, she is the patron of the Hospitality and Tourism Association of Machakos University (HATAMU), a student-led group that encourages leadership, professional growth, social interaction and academic enrichment.

Design Seminar for postgraduate Students

On 2nd September 2025, The Department of Design recently hosted a specialized seminar exclusively for postgraduate students, titled *'Concept to Impact: A Postgraduate Seminar on Delivering Transformative Design'*. The event brought together current eight Master's students for a day of intensive discussion and advanced learning on research opportunities the design space. Discussions were led by guest design lecturers-Dr. Mary Claire Kidenda (Technical University of Kenya) and Dr. Juliet Isika (Kenyatta University) in conjunction with a multi-disciplinary team from Machakos university including Prof. Mugendi (Design), Dr. Oguda (Design) Dr. Kiumbuku (Environmental Sciences) Dr. Omuya (CIT), Dr. Kyalo(Social Sciences) Dr. Mmbwanga (Lingusistics), Ms Colleta (Design) and Ms Kitheka (Design).

The seminar focused on bridging the gap between design theory and advanced, practice-based research. The seminar was structured to be a rigorous, immersive experience, moving beyond the fundamentals covered in undergraduate programs. Students engaged in presentations, feedback sessions and thought-provoking case studies. Topics explored included:

- Sustainable and responsible design practices
- Design for Safety using emerging technologies
- Craftsmanship and the evolution of design production

This seminar gave our postgraduate cohort a vital opportunity to challenge their assumptions and refine their research approaches. The interactive format allowed them to delve deeper into complex topics and learn directly from leading voices in the field. The department looks forward to seeing how students incorporate the new knowledge and critical perspectives gained from the Design seminar into their on-going research and project work. This event is a crucial part of the department's commitment to equipping its postgraduate students with the skills and insights needed to become innovators and leaders in the design profession. For more information on the department's academic programs, upcoming seminars, and student research, please visit [Link to School of Humanities Website](#).



Designer seminar including Prof. Mugendi M'Rithaa (Design), Dr. Benta Oguda (CoD - Fashion Design) & other multidisciplinary team from MksU steered by renowned guest design schools from Technical University of Kenya & Kenyatta University Scholars

Ink the change blog competition 2025

This year's competition ran from 14th July to 5th August 2025 under the theme:

PLASTIC-FREE PATHWAYS: YOUTH PERSPECTIVES FOR TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY."

Winning blogs were selected based on **creativity, originality, relevance to the theme, practicality & clarity.**

CASH PRIZES WERE AWARDED AS FOLLOWS:

From Crusades to Creation Care:

The Untapped Power of Religious Tourism in Ending Plastic Pollution

WINNERS:

CASH PRICE

Collins Wanjala & Samwel Kesire, Machakos University

2nd Runners-Up

The Plastic Paradox: How Convenience Became an Environmental Crisis

Synaida Zalego & Jane Muturi, Machakos University

Merit Recognition

Machakos University congratulates the Winners!!!



From Right, Collins Wanjala & Samuel Chesire who got the Cash prize

From Left, Synaida Zalego & Jane Muturi who got the 2nd runners up

To All Needy students

This is to inform all the needy students to apply for work study program. applications should be submitted via the following link on or before wednesday 10th september 2025, at 5.00pm.

<https://forms.gle/MNNsEtQgj3gANZj7>

NB: One can only be allowed to work for **maximum of 3 hours per day; four days per week**, exclusive of weekends and public holidays. **All dues will be credited to the respective student's fee account.**



The poster features the Huawei logo at the top left, consisting of a red flower-like icon and the word "HUAWEI" in black. Below the logo is a blue, stylized figure of a runner in motion, composed of digital data points. To the right of the runner, the text "CONNECTION GLORY FUTURE" is written in blue, stacked vertically. Below the runner, the same text "CONNECTION GLORY FUTURE" is repeated in a larger, bold blue font. At the bottom of the poster, the text "HUAWEI ICT COMPETITION 2025-2026 ROADSHOW" is displayed in a large, bold, dark blue font. Below this, the date and location "Thursday, 11th September 2025 Machakos University - Luban Workshop" are written in a smaller, dark blue font.

INVITATION TO A SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING BETWEEN MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY CHANCELLOR AND ALL THE STUDENTS



Tuesday, September 9th
2025



Time
4.00 pm

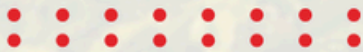
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